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Gary,

DSHS has not revised the advisory into a ban. The Commissioner of Health has the authority to ban the take or harvest of fish, but not the act of fishing. The TPWD has authority regarding the act of fishing.

I am copying Mike Tennant with our PSQA/Seafood and Aquatic Life Group on this message. He can answer specific questions regarding fish advisories.

Thanks,

Heidi

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Heidi,

Please see the news story below –

**2 — Temporary bans placed on fishing near site of busted cap, 10/4/17**

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/temporary-bans-placed-on-fishing-near-site-of-busted-cap>

For Jeremy Phillips, the senior director of infrastructure for Harris County Precinct 2, concern

began to rise when news from the EPA emerged late last month. "We saw the stories where they had elevated levels of dioxins detected in some of the tests," he said.

Has the TSDHS updated the fish advisories for the San Jacinto River?

Thanks,

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